24th September 1956]

Grievances of village officers, Malabar

* 193 Q.—SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN (on behalf of Sri K. P. Gopalan): Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any report from the Collector of Malabar regarding the meetings held by the village officers of Malabar on 15th June 1956 to demonstrate their grievances; and

(b) if so, the action taken to redress their grievances?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (a) No. The Government have not received any such report from the Collector.

(b) Does not arise.

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN : May I know whether the Government received any representation from the village officers direct, and, if so, what action has been taken on it?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Various representations have been received from the Village Officers' Associations. In fact, quite a bundle of representations in post cards were received especially from Malabar. Government are considering them.

SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE : May I know whether the Cabitnet Sub-Committee, which was appointed to go into the question of improving the conditions of village officers has submitted its report by now?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Not yet. The Cabinet Sub-Committee will be meeting finally within a few days.

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN : Pending the consideration of the larger issue of the status and other matters relating to village officers, will the Government grant school fee concessions to the children of the village officers as in the case of N.G.Os.? 9–10 a.m.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : I suppose this also will be one of the subjects for consideration.

Agriculturists' loan applications

* 194 Q.—SRI S. C. VIRUPAKSHIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the number of short-term loan applications from agriculturists pending in Kollegal taluk; and

(b) the steps taken to dispose of them expeditiously?